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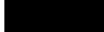

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1. Production of cartridges at the Pyongyang Arsenal has fallen by 70 percent, because two of the three pumps used in making cartridge forms are out of order. Repairs will be delayed indefinitely, inasmuch as the pumps are Japanese-made\* and the new parts needed must either be purchased in Japan or manufactured in the USSR. There are enough stocks of cartridge forms for cartridges to be manufactured until the end of June, after which the lathes used in shaping cartridges from the forms will only be able to operate part time. At present only two of the compressors used with the pumps in making cartridge forms are operating.
2. Plans are almost completed for installing machinery for manufacturing weapons at the Pongong (127-34, 39-52) factory. In the meantime hand grenades are being made, and rifles, pistols, and sub-machine guns are being repaired at the factory. The supervisor of the work is a Soviet-trained engineer, SIN Hyon Tae (申 賢 泰), aged 36.

25X1A \*  Comment. The First Factory of the Pyongyang Arsenal was reported to be using British-made pumps.  25X1A

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